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Mr. Roger W. Jones
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to your request of 18 October 1951 for the views of this Agency on Enrolled Bill S. 2233, An Act To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

While the proposed legislation seeks to achieve a highly worthwhile result, it is so hedged with safeguards and the procedures for accomplishing its aims are so cumbersome as to impede the end which it seeks to accomplish. There are several matters involving the exchange of atomic energy information with a foreign government which require expeditious action. However, under the proposed legislation the earliest exchanges which could take place would be in February 1952. In these critical times such delay is most unfortunate.

In view of the fact that this is the only legislation which can presently be secured on this subject, it is recommended that S. 2233 be approved by the President.

Sincerely yours,

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